

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANTHONY "TONY"
NEAL HUNLEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anthony "Tony" Neal Hunley, who passed away on January 25, 2015, after sixty remarkable years.

Tony devoted his life to public service, including an exemplary thirty-five year career in local law enforcement. His commitment and devotion for the betterment of his community touched countless people. Born in Sacramento, Tony felt a deep connection to his local region.

Tony began his service as a teenager, working in the Civil Air Patrol and the Fairfield High ROTC, as a member of the class of 1972. After graduating from the police academy, he went on to serve his community for a combined thirty-five years, first in the Fairfield Police Department as a police dispatcher, and then as a police officer. He transferred to the Concord Police Department in 1986, a job and a community he was proud to serve until his medical retirement in 2008, and where he was awarded Policeman of the Year.

Tony had a great sense of adventure and enjoyed flying single engine airplanes, riding motorcycles and auto racing. He also found great pleasure in woodworking and golf, and was an avid reader. Most important of all was his family, whom he loved beyond measure.

Tony was a compassionate officer with a great sense of humor, and his upbeat attitude was contagious. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Anthony "Tony" Neal Hunley for his life of service to a grateful community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
PHILLIP LEVINE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2015

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Phillip Levine of Fresno, California who recently passed away at the age of 87. He leaves behind his loving family including his wife Frances J. Artley, three sons, Mark, John and Teddy, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. Levine was born on January 10, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, but has called Fresno home since 1958. The son of Russian-Jewish immigrants, Levine was born and raised in industrial Detroit where he began working in the auto factories at the age of 14. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1950 and later earned a Master's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Iowa in 1957. After receiving his graduate degree,

he came to California where he began teaching at California State University, Fresno.

He went on to teach at Fresno State for 34 years. It was there that he built a nationally recognized program in Creative Writing that inspired many graduates to become illustrious poets. He retired in 1992 but remained deeply connected to the University. Although Levine held teaching positions at some of the most prestigious universities in the land, including New York University, Columbia University, Princeton and the University of California at Berkeley, he always returned to his home in Fresno.

As a poetry writer, Mr. Levine celebrated working people, and his words both resonated and uplifted them. He wrote more than 21 collections of poetry and in 1995 received the Pulitzer Prize for his poem "The Simple Truth." He won the National Book Award in 1991 for "What work is" and in 2013 he was honored with the Wallace Stevens Award which is given annually to recognize "outstanding and proven mastery in the art of poetry." In 2011, Mr. Levine was named as the 18th Poet Laureate of the United States, being declared one of America's greatest narrative poets by Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington. While achieving numerous successes and accolades for his work, he consistently maintained that the success of his Fresno State students was one of his biggest rewards.

Mr. Levine was truly an honorable man with a strong commitment to family, friends and his country that will live on in lives of the many people he touched. His passion for writing, education, and his community will be remembered by all who knew him. I am honored and humbled to join his family in celebrating the life of this amazing man who will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saying farewell to Mr. Phillip Levine, a man full of love for life. His genuine character, commitment to family and community will be greatly missed.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2015

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor six athletes from Pueblo County who wrestled fearlessly the weekend of February 20th to win state titles in the Class 3A and 4A finals. On the road to their championship, these young men showed grit and determination, overcoming their adversaries on the mat while bringing pride to their respective schools and the county as a whole. To formally acknowledge their distinction and excellence, I stand to recognize:

From Pueblo County High School: Hunter Willits, Chris Sandoval, and Josiah Nava,

From Pueblo South High School: Austin Zuniga,

From Pueblo East High School: Jacob Robles,

And from Dolores Huerta Preparatory High School: Marcus Garcia.

Like many State Championship runs, Pueblo's wrestlers encountered emotional setbacks. After missing weight by one-tenth of a pound, Willits twin brother, Grant, a title favorite, was eliminated from the competition. The team was devastated by the news yet showed tremendous fortitude, rallying to win their three final matches.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize each of these fine athletes. In a sport renowned for the extreme physical and mental conditions the human body is subjected to, these young men have demonstrated tenacity, tireless work ethic, and relentless commitment to success that brings honor to their schools and inspires their communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SUE
LANDSKE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 6, 2015

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Sue Landske, a former Indiana State Senator and a truly admirable Hoosier.

Sue was a devoted wife to her husband Bill, the loving mother to five children, and grandmother to eight grandchildren. While raising her five children, Sue started her own business before being elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1984. Not only was Sue one of the longest serving state legislators from northwest Indiana, but she was also the second highest ranking member of the Indiana Senate upon her retirement in 2014. Sue was at the forefront of many legislative accomplishments, most specifically the "Lemon Law" that protected consumers against the purchase of defective vehicles, a living-will policy that gave adults medical treatment choices if they were incapacitated, and free tuition at state funded higher education institutions for recipients of the Hoosier Purple Heart award. During her spare time, Sue loved camping with her husband, visiting her children at their military posts around the globe, and spending as much time as she could with her grandchildren.

She also served as a Member of the State Committee of the Indiana Republican Party. That is where we became friends. I always admired Sue's wisdom, candor, and civility. She was an important part of the Party's achievements during the Mitch Daniels years.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of former State Senator Sue Landske. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sue's family,

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